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H. R. 5711

To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a floor for payment for mammography under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2008

Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Assure Access to Mammography Act of 2008".

SEC. 2. MEDICARE PAYMENT FLOOR FOR MAMMOGRAPHY.

Section 1848(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(5) PAYMENT FLOOR FOR SCREENING AND DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAPHY.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of mammography, whether screening or diagnostic, performed in a year beginning with 2009, the fee schedule amount shall not be less than the amount specified in subparagraph (B) for that year. Such amount shall be subject to geographic area adjustment in the same manner as for other physicians' services under this section.

"(B) AMOUNT.—The amount specified in this subparagraph—

"(i) for 2009 is 115 percent of the fee schedule amount under this section with respect to mammography for 2008, increased by the percentage increase in the MEI (as defined in section 1842(i)(3)) for 2008; and

"(ii) for a subsequent year is the amount specified in this subparagraph for the previous year increased by the percent-

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1 age increase in the MEI (as so defined) for
2 such previous year.".

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